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Acting Commission Secretary
BC Utilities Commission
6th Floor 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

**Re: BC Hydro Inquiry of Expenditures SAP Platform
BCOAPO Submissions on Scope of Inquiry and Process for Proceeding**

We make the following submissions on behalf of our clients, the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization, Active Support Against Poverty, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, Disability Alliance BC, Together Against Poverty Society, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre, known collectively in regulatory processes as "BCOAPO *et al.*" The constituent groups of BCOAPO *et al.* represent the interests of low and fixed income energy consumers within BC and more specifically in this process, the interests of BC Hydro's low and fixed income residential ratepayers.

Further to Commission Order G-81-16 (Exhibit A-5 in this proceeding), as amended by Order G-146-16 (Exhibit A-9), BCOAPO writes to provide submissions on further process for the Commission's Inquiry of Expenditures related to BC Hydro's adoption of the SAP Platform.

Having reviewed the consolidated information BC Hydro has filed, as well as BC Hydro's responses to the first round of information requests, BCOAPO observes that given the seriousness of Mr. Dix's allegations, the process needs to be designed so that it can either put to rest Mr. Dix's concerns or identify issues that need to be resolved in order to ensure transparency and accountability in future regulatory proceedings.

BCOAPO submits that there should be an oral hearing with respect to Items 2 and 5 of the Scope of the Inquiry, and a written hearing with respect to Items 1, 3 and 4 of the Scope of the Inquiry. In BCOAPO's submission, Items 2 and 5 require an oral hearing because these Items raise important credibility issues which can only be addressed through cross examination. On the other hand, Items 1, 3, and 4 do not raise credibility issues and BCOAPO is satisfied that the evidentiary record is sufficient in order to address these Items through written submissions.

BCOAPO does not require a second round of information requests in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

BC PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE

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